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REMARKS

Before entry of this response, claims 1-23 were pending. In the Office Action, claims 1, 3, 7-9, 14 and 20-21 were rejected, and claims 2, 4-6, 10-13, 15-19 and 22-23 were objected to. In the present response, no claims are amended, added or canceled.

I. Claims 1, 3, 7-9, 14 and 20-21

Claims 1, 3, 7-9, 14 and 20-21 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,839,010. Applicant hereby resubmits the terminal disclaimer that it originally submitted on July 6, 2005, to overcome the double-patenting rejection of claims 1, 3, 7-9, 14 and 20-21. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 3, 7-9, 14 and 20-21 is respectfully requested.

II. Claims 2, 4-6, 10-13, 15-19 and 22-23

Claims 2, 4-6, 10-13, 15-19 and 22-23 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims. Because the rejection of the base claims has been overcome with the terminal disclaimer, withdrawal of the objection to claims 2, 4-6, 10-13, 15-19 and 22-23 is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the entire application (claims 1-23 are pending) is in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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